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CLERK: LB 299 introduced by Senator Kennedy. Read title. Mr. President, the bill was first considered in April of 1975. There were Committee amendments. They are still pending. There is another amendment offered by Senator Frank Lewis that is pending. The Committee amendments by Senator Rasmussen's Government Committee.

PRESIDENT: We will take the Committee amendments first, then. Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I would ask that the Committee amendments be adopted.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of the Committee amendments? Record your vote. Please vote. Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, Mr. President, to adopt the Committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: They are adopted. Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Mr. President and fellow members, LB 299 was introduced for the sole interest of trying to get someone to serve as Administrator over the Institutions. The way the qualifications had been in the past they were so severe that it would almost be impossible to get a replacement or to get enough competition to get good qualified people. So really, we might say, that it has been dropped from a seven year administrative capacity down to a four. You still have all the qualifications that the board has had before except it will give a wider, broader interest to the people that would like to apply and that can do a good job for the state of Nebraska. I think that some of you might agree that we need some competition sometimes in those capacities and this would certainly give it. It is not an extreme in any manner but it is giving a better opportunity for selection for the board that does make this decision. I would move that LB 299 be advanced to E & R as amended.

PRESIDENT: Senator Shirley Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and Senator Kennedy, I wonder if you would like to hold this over for a little bit. There are a few changes that I would like to make. Why do we always assume it will be he who fills this position. I think it should be "the appointment" not "his appointment" and I haven't written this out yet, and in "his" selection, and we are trying very hard to do away with sexually discriminatory language and this is it in its poorest form. So with your permission, I would like to lay this over until we can clean the language up so that it refers to the appointment of "the" person rather than "his" sex or "her" sex.

SENATOR KENNEDY: I appreciate your thoughts and would certainly appreciate your amendment. I hate to have it laid over. We passed over it last year so that people that might want to put in any amendments. It is a simple bill. Your amendment would be simple and I think that if you would write it up, I would appreciate, we could